

REMARKS

Applicant has amended claims 32 and 38 to add cadmium oxide and lead monoxide to the category of solid lubricants. The application supports these amendments at page 16 second full paragraph and third full paragraph respectively.

The amendment adds claims 56-66 relating to a composition of the invention where the lubricant comprises the chalcogenides of non-noble metals and mixtures thereof, such as the chalcogenides of molybdenum, antimony, niobium, and tungsten, and mixtures thereof, or sulfides of these metals, and mixtures thereof. The application supports these claims at page 24, third paragraph, page 25, first and second paragraphs, and page 26 first paragraph.

Newly added claim 67 relates to the combination of a grease lubricant with the superabsorbent polymer. The application supports claim 67 at pages 13-14, and by claim 29 as well.

Claims 68-71 relate to substantially anhydrous compositions of the present invention, supported by page 29, second paragraph of the written description, as well as claims 51 and 54, now canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.



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CONCLUSIONS

Applicant requests the Examiner to withdraw the rejections in view of the foregoing amendments and remarks and pass the application to issue .

Respectfully submitted,

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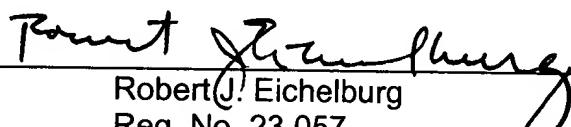
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